

FISCAL NOTE

HB 708 - SB 1012

March 22, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes one partner of a partnership to represent the partnership or an officer or director of a limited liability corporation to represent the corporation in general sessions court in matters involving the partnership or corporation for claims of amounts less than \$5,000. Specifies that such representation is only permitted when written consent of all partners, officers or directors is filed with the court. Under current law, this activity would be punished as the unauthorized practice of law, a Class A misdemeanor and also be subject to civil penalties.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes very few cases are currently charged and convicted of the offense of unauthorized practice of law.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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